of 220 gms per person per day. The per capita availability is targeted to reach 217 gms in 1999-2000 and 228 gms by 2000-2001.

(b) Besides State Government programmes, the following Central Sector/ Centrally Sponsored Plan Schemes are being implemented to increase milk production.

(i) Extension of Frozen Semen Technology & Progeny Testing Programme, (ii) National Bull Production Programme, (iii) Assistance to States for Feed and Fodder Development, (iv) Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases, (v) Professional Efficiency Development, (vi) National Project on Rinderpest Eradication, (vii) Integrated Dairy Development Programme for Non-Operation Flood, Hilly and Backward Areas.

Exports of Milk and Milk Products are not significant.

Package Programme for Orissa

1544. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have announced some package programmes for the cyclone affected districts in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details of the amount sanctioned by Government under those package programmes;

(c) what are those package programmes; and

(d) the steps taken to implement those package programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (d) Besides immediate relief and rescue operations by different Departments and the Public Sector Undertakings of the Central Government, an amount of Rs.500.00 crore was released to Orissa as *ad-hoc* assistance from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) for undertaking various restoration and rehabilitation programmes for the people in the cyclone affected districts of the State.

North-Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation

1545. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what measures have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government for removal of sickness as well for all round development of North-Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation (NERAMAC);

(b) whether Government are planning to set-up more food processing industries under NERAMAC;

(c) if so, which places have been selected for the purpose and on what criterion; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for the decision against expansion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) The Government/ BIFR have sanctioned a rehabilitation scheme for the all-round development of NERAMAC.

(b) and (c) These are plans for setting up of food processing industries in the north eastern region either under NERAMAC or as joint ventures of NERAMAC and State Government Agencies/private sector. The type of food processing industries and their locations will depend on the regular availability of raw material and suitable production and marketing infrastructure.

(d) Does not arise.

Crop Insurance Scheme in Himachal Pradesh

1546. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Crop Insurance Scheme has been implemented in Himachal Pradesh at Block level for poor farmers of the State;

(b) if so, whether it covers fruit agriculture like apples, etc.;

(c) if so, from which date it has been implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. A National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) covering all farmers (both loanee and non-loanee) growing cereals, millets, pulses and oilseeds and annual commercial/ horticultural crops has been implemented in Himachal Pradesh from Rabi-1999-2000 at Tehsil/Sub-Tehsil/Block level.